

**[54] NUTRITIVE COMPOSITION**

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**ABSTRACT**

A highly stabilized, balanced nutritive composition useful in supplementing the diet of humans and/or animals so as to insure an adequate intake of a wide range of the essential nutrients. The composition can be prepared and marketed in either liquid or dry granular form, and includes ascorbic acid, metabolically available iron, and gelatin. The gelatin has been found to stabilize the ascorbic acid in the presence of iron and other recommended nutrients, and additionally, provides a natural source for nearly all of the essential amino acids. Further, the composition may and preferably does include all of the other recommended nutrients, without adversely affecting the stabilized nature of the nutritive composition.

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